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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000  
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between First French and Seventh US Armies is changed as follows: As before to LAUFFEN S0353 (to Seventh Army) - thence to STUTTGART S0621 (to First Fr Army).

Boundary between I French Corps and the 9th Colonial Division: SOUFFLENHEIM R1625 - RUNTZENHEIM R1924 - STOLLHOFEN R2318 (all to I Fr Corps).

Boundary between the 9th Colonial Division and the II French Corps: LINKENHEIM R4958 (to 9th Div) - HAGSFELD R5248 - R5445 (to II Fr Corps) - REICHENBACH R5436 (to 9th Div) - OTTENHAUSEN R5930 (to II Fr Corps) - NEUENBURG R6227 (to II Fr Corps) - CHARLOTTENHOHE R6320 (to 9th Div).

Boundary between VIII US Corps and XX US Corps: NEUMORSCHEN H3175 (to XX Corps with running rights to VIII Corps) - HEINERBACH H3574 - ASMUSHAUSEN H4670 (both to VIII Corps) - SOLZ H5069 (to XX Corps) - autobahn from SALLMANNSHAUSEN H6669 to LEINA J0360 (to VIII Corps with running rights to XX Corps) - autobahn from LEINA to CR J8961 (to XX Corps with running rights to VIII Corps) - STADTRQDA J8058 - ST GANGLOFF J9258 - GERA K0562 - CRIMMITSCHAU K2856 - CHEMNITZ K6560 (all to XX Corps) - EPPENDORF K8757 (to XX Corps with running rights to VIII Corps) - to CZECH border at F1047.

Boundary between VIII US Corps and XII US Corps: SOLMS H3142 - NEUKIRCHEN H3843 (both to VIII Corps) - road from SCHENKLENGSFELD H4848 through ROHRIGSHOF H5751 - DORNDOERF H6561 - BAD SALZUNGEN H7548 - FAMBACH H8641 - SCHMALKALDEN H9139 (to XII Corps with running rights to VIII Corps) - STEINBACH-HALLENBERG J0037 (to VIII Corps with running rights to XII Corps) - OBERHOF J1138 (to VIII Corps) - ILMENAU J2436 (to XII Corps with running rights to VIII Corps) - KODITZ J4035 (to XII Corps) - BAD BLANKENBURG J4937 (to VIII Corps) - SAALFELD J5633 (to VIII Corps with running rights to XII Corps) - BUCHA J6533 - ESSBACH J7928 - SCHLEIZ J8827 - OELSCHITZ K1411 - ADORF K2101 (all to VIII Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (061200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 9th Colonial Division. (With 9th Zouaves and CC2 1st Fr Armd Div atchd). Attacked south on an eight-mile front, gained up to four miles against strong resistance and reached BRUCHHAUSEN R4636 and ETTLINGENWEIER R4736. Captured WOLFARTSWEIER R5241, ETTLINGEN R4938 and MORSCH R4040. Following the capture of MORSCH our units were pinned down by fire from outlying pillboxes. The 6th Colonial Regiment was relieved by the 152d Infantry (14th Fr Div) in STRASSBOURG W0197. Combat Command "2" of the 1st French Armored Division was attached to the division and crossed to the east side of the RHINE River. Front line change: MORSCH R4040 - BRUCHHAUSEN R4636 - ETTLINGENWEIER R4736 - ETTLINGEN R4938 - WOLFARTSWEIER R5241.

I French Corps. 14th French Division. The 152d Infantry Regiment relieved the 6th Colonial Infantry Regiment in STRASSBOURG W0197. 1st French Armored Division. Combat Command "2" was attached to the 9th Colonial Division.

II French Corps. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "4" attacked southeast, gained up to eight miles and captured GROTZINGEN R5545, DURLACH R5545, KONIGSBACH R6441 and STEIN R6641. Combat Command "5" attacked east, gained up to thirteen miles and captured NORDHEIM S0157 and KLINGENBERG S0358. Front line change: DURLACH R5545 - KONIGSBACH R6441 - STEIN R6641 - R6445 and R8357 - NORDHEIM S0157 - KLINGENBERG S0358. 2d Moroccan Division. Attacked east on a six-mile front

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and gained up to five miles. Captured GONDELSHEIM R6751, JOHLINGEN R6148, WOSSINGEN R6346 and BRETTEEN R7149. Front line change: WOSSINGEN R6346 - BRETTEEN R7149 - DIEDELSHEIM R6849 - GONDELSHEIM R6751. 3d Algerian Division. Attacked southeast, gained up to three and one-half miles on a three-mile front and captured BAUERBACH R7353, SICKINGEN R7654 and UNT. DERDINGEN R7852. Front line change: BAUERBACH R7353 - UNT. DERDINGEN R7852 - SICKINGEN R7654 - R8156.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th and 103d Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. The NECKAR River bridgehead in the vicinity of S0765 was expanded slightly against strong resistance. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" attacked east, gained up to four miles and reached LAIBACH S4190. Combat Command "A" assembled in the vicinity of BIBERACH S0267 and Combat Command "B" assembled in the vicinity of BOCKINGEN S0560. Front line change: LAIBACH S4190.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. The 8th Infantry followed up behind Combat Command "B" (12th Armored Div) and cleared the enemy from the woods N7127. Front line change: N7127. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" continued to attack northeast and gained up to two miles on a three-mile front. Combat Command "B" continued to attack north from the MAIN River bridgehead in the vicinity of N6523 and gained up to two miles. Front line change: N8017 - N7920 - N7721 and N7030. 42d Division. Continued to clear WURZBURG N5834 of the enemy.

XV Corps. 3d Division. The 15th Infantry attacked east, gained up to two miles and reached the SCHONDRER River on a four-mile front. Front line change: N4172 - N4279. 14th Armored Division. Units of Combat Command "A" with the 30th Infantry (3d Div) constituted a task force which captured HAMMELBURG N5370. Other units of Combat Command "A" made small advances and captured BRUCKENAU N4692. Combat Command "B" cleared GEMUNDEN N4063 of all enemy resistance. Front line change: N4689 - BRUCKENAU N4692 - N4594. 45th Division. Advanced north and gained up to five miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: N4496 - N4297 - N4100.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

VIII British Corps. 6th Airborne Division. (With 15th Ren Regt atchd). The 6th Air Landing Brigade seized a bridgehead over the WESER River in the vicinity of W8216. The division quickly expanded the bridgehead to the northeast and gained up to fourteen miles on a five and one-half mile front and captured WINDHEIM W8725. The 1st Commando Brigade was released from attachment to this division and was attached to the 11th British Armored Division. Front line change: W8216 - W8516 - W8618 - W9924 - X0326 - W9827 - WINDHEIM W8725. 11th Armored Division. (With the 1st Commando Bde atchd). The 159th Infantry Brigade attacked southeast from the bridgehead across the WESER River in the vicinity of W9131, gained up to two and one-half miles and reached LOCCUM W9629 against light opposition. Other units of the division advanced north up to four miles and reached STEYERBERG W8742. Front line change: LOCCUM W9629 and W9136 - STEYERBERG W8742 - W7540.

XII British Corps. 7th British Armored Division. (With 155th Bde atchd). Attacked northeast and gained up to twenty-seven miles on a fourteen-mile front against light opposition. Front line change: W7540 - W7544 - W9465 - W8467 - W7362 - W7061 - W5449 - W4246. 53d Division. (Less 160th Bde). Attacked north with little opposition, gained up to five miles on a two-mile front and captured IBRENBUREN V9808. Front line change: IBRENBUREN V9808 - V9809 - V9910 - V9815 - V9514. 52d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde and 160th Bde atchd). Attacked northeast on a four-mile front, gained up to five miles and captured HOPSTEN V9020. Front line change: V8613 - HOPSTEN V9020 - V8117 - V8017 - V7916.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. Attacked northeast against little resistance and gained up to six miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: V7319 - V7018 - V6819. Guards Armored Division. The 32d Guards Armored Brigade attacked east through the EMS River bridgehead in the vicinity of V7035, gained up to eight miles on a four and one-half mile front and reached LEMBERICH V8639. Front line change: V7734 - V8433 - LEMBERICH V8639 - V8239. 3d British Division. Expanded the bridgehead in the vicinity of LINGEN V7136 and mopped up behind the Guards Armored Division.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. The 4th Canadian Armored Brigade attacked northeast, gained up to eighteen miles on a twenty-three mile front, captured COEVORDEN V3252 and reached HEBELERMEER V5661. At MEPPEN V7055 units were forced to withdraw slightly because of heavy machine gun fire. The Armored Car Regiment advanced northwest on a twenty-mile front and gained up to eighteen miles. The 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade attacked west on a five-mile front and gained up to one and one-half miles against moderate resistance. The roads were mined and booby-trapped. Front line change: V6739 - MEPPEN V7055 - HEBELERMEER V5661 - COEVORDEN V3252 - V1966 - V2442 - V1331 - V1425 - V2319 - V2311. 2d Canadian Division. (With the 1st Cdn Arm'd Car Regt atchd). Attacked north on a four-mile front and gained up to four and one-half miles against negligible enemy resistance. Units of the 5th Canadian Infantry Brigade crossed the canal in the vicinity of V0506. The 18th Canadian Armored Car Regiment was attached to the division. Front line change: V0704 - V0506 - V0306 - V0106. 3d Canadian Division. The 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade attacked north against strong enemy resistance and gained up to four and one-half miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: Z9802 - Z9704 - Z9605 - Z9404. 1st Canadian Division. Assigned to the II Canadian Corps as of 031200B April.

I Canadian Corps. 5th Canadian Armored Division. (With the 1st Bel Bde atchd). The 1st Belgian Infantry Brigade was attached to the division. The division relieved the 49th Division and assumed responsibility for the corps front. 49th Division. The division concentrated in the area E6667 - E7865.

AIR. (6 April). Eighth Air Force: 646 heavy bombers attacked and dropped 1,369.2 tons of general purpose and 259.5 tons of incendiary bombs on the marshalling yard at HALLE D9428, the main station and marshalling yard at LEIPZIG E2114 and other targets. 4 bombers were lost. 628 fighter aircraft escorted the bombers. No claims or losses. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: 99 medium bombers attacked marshalling yards at GOTTINGEN C5228, NORTHEIM C5647 and HERZBERG C8043. No bombers were lost. The Tactical Air Commands dispatched 251 fighter/fighter bombers on defensive patrols and armed reconnaissance. Claims included 3 enemy aircraft.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light intermittent rain in the morning with scattered showers during the afternoon. Clouds: Broken to overcast but dissipating after 1900B. Visibility: 500 - 1,000 yards in fog at dawn, increasing to 2 - 3 miles by 1000B and 6 - 10 miles in the afternoon. Wind: 10 mph, northeast. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 50° F. Minimum 35° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. (Army Troops). 13th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" closed in assembly areas in the vicinity of H2280. 5th and 70th Divisions. No change.

XII Corps. 26th Division. Mopped up behind the 11th Armored Division. Units of the division advanced one mile south and reached LENGFELD J0617. Front line change: LENGFELD J0617. 11th Armored Division. Advanced three miles southeast and captured SCHLEUSINGEN J1316 against light opposition. Front line change: SCHLEUSINGEN J1316. 90th Division. The 358th and 357th Infantry Regiments closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of H7954.

VIII Corps. 4th Armored Division. Gained three miles east on a seven-mile front against moderate resistance. The 355th Infantry reverted to command of the 89th Division. Front line change: J1451 - J1753 - J2153 - J2256 - J2160. 89th Division. Attacked on the left flank of the 4th Armored Division and gained two miles east on a three-mile front. Units of the division continued mopping up behind the advance of the 4th Armored Division. Front line change: J1960 - J1562. 65th Division. Gained one to six miles east on a nine-mile front. Captured LANCENSAIZA J0382 and ALTENGOTTERN H9889. Reached the edge of SCHLOTHEIM J0498. Front line change: J0482 - ALTENGOTTERN H9889 - J0497. 87th Division. Relieved the 90th Division and mopped up in the area H9643 - H9151 - H8846. 6th Cavalry Group. Closed in an

assembly area near BERNEBURG H5075.

XX Corps. 6th Armored Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of H9982. 76th Division. Repulsed three small counterattacks in the vicinity of TRUBENHAUSEN H4698 without loss of ground. Gained three miles north from the vicinity of H4096 against strong resistance. The 304th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of LANCIENSAIZA JO382. Front line change: C4001. 3d Cavalry Group. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of H2290. 80th Division. Relieved by the 69th Division (V Corps) and commenced movement to a new zone within the corps.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 9th Armored Division. Closed in the vicinity of B9713. 69th Division. Continued fighting in HAMM MUNDEN C3314. Gained six miles east on an eight-mile front against scattered resistance. Reached KL. AMERODE C4305. The division completed the relief of the 80th Division (Third Army) at O60700B. Front line change: C4205 - C3610 - C3713 - HAMM MUNDEN C3314. 2d Division. Crossed the WESER River in the vicinity of C2924. Constructed a class 40 bridge at that point. Expanded the bridgehead two miles on a six-mile front against moderate opposition. Front line change: C3221 - C3422 - C3129. 28th Division. (Less 109th Inf). Attached to the III Corps.

VII Corps. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf and with the 4th Cav Gp atchd). Gained up to seventeen miles east on a seven-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: C2630 - C1430 - C1432. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). Gained five miles east on a nine-mile front. Resistance was light and the division reached DEISEL C1534, BEVERUNGEN C1341 and HERSTELLE C1639. Other units of the division continued fighting in AMELUNXEN C1147 where heavy resistance was encountered. Front line change: DEISEL C1534 - HERSTELLE C1639 - BEVERUNGEN C1341 - AMELUNXEN C1147. 1st Division. Continued movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of PECKELSHHEIM B9634.

III Corps. 9th Division. Gained two miles west on a six-mile front against moderate to stiff resistance. Combat Command "A" of the 7th Armored Division reverted to command of the 7th Armored Division. Front line change: B5108 - B5003 - G5099. 7th Armored Division. Repulsed a small counterattack in the vicinity of G4085, then attacked west and gained one mile on a two-mile front. SCHMALLENBERG G3883 was reached. Front line change: G4186 - G4085 - SCHMALLENBERG G3883. 99th Division. Advanced two miles west on a five-mile front against light resistance but over extremely difficult terrain. Front line change: G3682 - G3779 - G3474.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Made slight advances west against stiff local resistance and captured BIRKELBACH G3768, WOMELSDORF G3668 and LUTZE G3063. Front line change: BIRKELBACH G3768 - WOMELSDORF G3668 and LUTZE G3063. 78th Division. Expanded its bridgehead over the SIEG River up to four miles on a sixteen-mile front over rough terrain against scattered resistance. Front line change: G1252 - G0652 - G0051 - F9746 - F9447 - F9049 - F8748.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 106th Division, 16th Armored Division and 66th Division. All no change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. 109th Infantry (28th Div). No change.

NINTH ARMY. 29th Division. No change.

XVI Corps. 79th Division. Relieved by the 17th Airborne Division. Assembled in the vicinity of A5027 and then attacked south over the RHEIN-HERNE Canal in the area A5125 and gained one and one-half miles on a two-mile front. Relieved units of the 320th Infantry. Front line change: A4923 - A5223 - A5324. 35th Division. (Less the 320th Inf). The 320th Infantry was attached to the 75th Division. 75th Division. (With the 320th Inf atchd). Gained two miles south on a three-mile front against light fire from infantry weapons. The 116th Infantry reverted to command of the 29th Division. Front line change: A7129 - A7326 - A7527 - A7728 - A7928. 17th Airborne Division. (Less the 194th Gli Inf). Completed the relief of

the 79th Division.

XIX Corps. 95th Division. Gained four miles south on an eleven-mile front. Captured SOEST B2530 against light resistance. Front line change: B0342 - B0440 - B0639 - B0736 - B1033 - B1228. 8th Armored Division. (With the 194th Glider Infantry attached). Gained nine miles southwest on a twenty-mile front. The 194th Glider Infantry crossed the MOHNE River and captured KALLENHARDT B4717. Combat Command "B" occupied OSTONNEN B1827. Resistance was light. Front line change: B1826 - B2928 - B3823 - B4416 - B4717. 83d Division. Gained up to eighteen miles on a fourteen-mile front, crossed the WESER River and reached HALLE C2578 against light resistance. STAHL C1661 was captured against heavy opposition. Front line change: C1559 - STAHL C1661 - C1263 - C1569 - C2274 - HALLE C2578 - C1473. 2d Armored Division. (With the 119th Inf attached). Advanced northeast thirteen miles, captured a bridge over the LEINE River in the vicinity of X4102, crossed the LEINE River and advanced an additional five miles to the INNERSTE River in the vicinity of X4902 at which point a bridge was constructed. Front line change: C2786 - C3236 - C3793 - X3901 - X4902 - X4103 - C2897. 30th Division. (Less the 119th Inf). Continued fighting in HAMELN C1191. 113th Cavalry Group. Protected the right flank of the 83d Division where stiff resistance was encountered.

XIII Corps. 84th Division. Expanded its bridgehead over the WESER River up to five miles. Considerable heavy artillery, 88 mm and 20 mm gun fire was encountered. Front line change: B7798 - W8402 - W8701 - W8908 - W8408. 102d Division. (With the 11th Cav Gp attached). Mopped up to the line BORSHOLNSHN B3889 - BIELEFELD B5580.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 062400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	68,555	280,072	35,739	9,767	394,133
Non-battle					292,948
Total Casualties					687,081

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: VI Corps MOSBACH S0284; XV Corps LOHR N3156; XXI Corps TAUBERBISCHOFHEIM N3915; 3d Division PARTENSTEIN N2761; 44th Division KASSEL N1079; 45th Division MERNES N2483; 100th Division BONFELD R9869; 10th Armored Division RAPPENAU R9972; 14th Armored Division PARTENSTEIN N2761.

21 Army Group: 21 Army Group Tac V7807; XII British Corps V8303; 7th British Armored Division W5739; 4th Canadian Armored Division V3015.

12th Army Group: XII Corps VACHA H6150; XVI Corps RECKLINGHAUSEN A6235; 1st Division B9634; 2d Division C1617; 8th Division SIEGEN G2052; 9th Division NIEDERSFELD G5596; 29th Division SENDENHORST B0660; 30th Division SCHWOBBER C0486; 76th Division LAUDENBACH H4594; 80th Division STOCHHAUSEN H8569; 90th Division BAD SALZUNGEN H7549; 102d Division WERTHER B4686; 104th Division WARBURG B9822; 3d Armored Division BRAKEL C0047; 2d Armored Division SCHWOBBER C0486; 8th Armored Division ERMITTE B4135.

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